

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2002
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tubman-Chavez Center

CITY OF VILLAGES COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

CENTRAL URBANIZED COMMUNITIES

The workshop opened City Council member Toni Atkins addressing the group on the concept of the City of Villages and the potential benefits it's development could have on the Central Urbanized Communities. Following Ms. Atkins opening comments, Planning Staff presented a 30-minute slide show providing an overview of the City of Villages Growth Strategy. Deputy Mayor George Stevens addressed the group midway through the discussion.

The following is a list of questions asked by the community members following the presentation:

- 1) Would the City of Villages strategy help to alleviate traffic on our roads and freeways?
- 2) Can we be confident that our input is being considered during the planning process?
- 3) What is the difference between City of Villages and single-family residential neighborhoods?
- 4) Is our area targeted to become a village?
- 5) How does the community get involved with the planning process? I feel the community gets shut out from the planning groups.
- 6) How does the community know if their input gets used?
- 7) How many city staff attended this meeting?
- 8) Is the Planning Department working with the school districts and the County of San Diego in planning the City of Villages?
- 9) Which city staff members are planning the City of Villages?
- 10) What are the alternatives to the City of Villages strategy?
- 11) What percentage of the City of San Diego's budget is paid for by fees? For example, transit fees?
- 12) What does it cost the City for delays on freeways?

The following is a list of comments made by the community members:

- 1) Transit is a good idea.
- 2) I have some misgivings about the City of Villages Strategy.
- 3) The City of San Diego should consider making public transportation free.
- 4) The City of San Diego should consider broadband communications citywide. Let's try to move ideas!
- 5) I would hate to see this area become more impacted without the benefits of new public services
- 6) Sometimes it seems the community is not involved in the planning process.
- 7) If we add more density, people will be tempted to drive through our neighborhoods.
- 8) We need more innovative ideas!
- 9) The community needs more jobs!
- 10) Please don't use eminent domain in redevelopment.
- 11) We need to look at current conditions. Rent is very high in our area and we need action on this now.
- 12) We would like more attention to the issue of affordable housing.
- 13) I think high rent in the area is the City's fault.
- 14) I think the Community Planning Groups have their own agendas, which may not be in the community's best interest.